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# BITTERROOT EPISCOPAL MINISTRIES

St. Paul's, Hamilton  
St. Stephen's, Stevensville

February 2011

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## Events at St. Paul's

**Sunday, Feb. 6, 9:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist with Rev. Steve Oreskovich**

**Sunday, Feb. 13, 9:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist with Rev. Steve Oreskovich**

**Sunday, Feb. 20, 9:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist with Rev. Steve Oreskovich**

**Sunday, Feb. 27, 9:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist with Rev. Steve Oreskovich**

**Feb. 23, ECW Meeting 3pm**

**Feb. 8, Vestry 7p.m.**

**Monday Program, Feb. 7, 14, 21, 28 5:30 p.m.**

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Thank you for the opportunity to serve as Junior Warden this year. Words cannot express the love I have for St. Paul's, our church, our history, and our community. I can only hope that my love has been and will be evident in the years I have served on vestry and especially this year. In years past, the Junior Warden has been in charge of buildings and grounds. As with many things that have been in transition, the Junior Warden responsibilities have changed. In the bulletin it is labeled "communications". This is a fantastic word with lots of meaning. What a great opportunity! I see two main responsibilities for me as Junior Warden in charge of communications. The first, and most important, is to be in communication with God. Through Bible study and prayer I hope to hear God's desires for me and how I can best serve Him in St. Paul's. The second is to keep the lines of communication open between the vestry and the congregation. I will be available to you as much as I can to hear your desires and concerns. I will also work with our vestry and coordinator to keep you informed of St. Paul's events and happenings. It is a privilege and an honor to be serving you this year as Junior Warden.

In Faith,

Alana

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## **"WALKING IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF JESUS"-**

**-- a Pilgrimage to the Holy Land led by Bishop Brookhart**

Nov. 4-13. Limit: 30 people. Cost: \$3,000 (covers air fare, three-star accommodation, two or three meals a day, bus service, guide service, entry fees). The diocesan web site has the detailed itinerary, the registration form, and a cover letter from the Bishop. August 1 is the last day to reserve a spot; first-come-first-serve.

"You don't have to have a college degree to serve.  
You don't have to make your subject and your verb agree to serve.  
You don't have to know about Plato and Aristotle to serve.  
You don't have to know Einstein's theory of relativity to serve.  
You don't have to know the second theory of thermodynamics to serve.  
You only need a heart full of grace. A soul generated by love. And you can be that servant."

Martin Luther King, Jr. (Thanks to Val Neeley for bringing this quote to our attention)

Recommended Reading from Bishop Brookhart:

- Kevin Martin. 5 Keys to Effective Parish Leadership.
- C.R. Robertson. Transforming Stewardship.
- Jim Martin. Jesuit Guide to Almost Everything. (Don't let the Jesuit part scare you; this is a book about how to live a life of intentional relationship with Jesus while being fully a part of the world).

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**MONDAY EVENING PROGRAM** January 31, 5:30 pm we will gather together for dinner and Eucharist. Everyone is Welcome!! After Eucharist, the children will meet in the Guild house (with Sam) for the evening. Then we will have a teaching from Rev. Oreskovich for the adult learning community. This is a 5 week program, with a break for one week followed by another 5 week program focusing on our youth. The evening will end at 7:45pm.

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**SHROVE TUESDAY/PANCAKE SUPPER/PARISH RETREAT**

On March 8th the Reverend Bill Baumgarten from Kalispell will join us for the Tuesday Pancake Supper. In the late afternoon he will help us burn the palms from last year's Palm Sunday celebration and the ashes thus created will be used on Wednesday March 9th for the imposition of ashes during the Ash Wednesday service. On Wednesday and Thursday (afternoon and/or evening based on interest and participation) Father Bill will conduct a Parish Retreat, teaching Lenten discipline, prayer book practices, meditative prayer, and some elements of what he calls "The Jesus Way." On Friday he will be available for personal counseling/communication sessions with participants.

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**HOLY WEEK**

Beginning on Maundy Thursday of Holy Week, April 21st, the Reverend Bill Baumgarten will return and, working with Reverend Oreskovich, will take us through the various celebrations/services of Holy Week, including the Maundy Thursday Night meal and table Eucharist including Foot Washing, Good Friday services, the Easter Vigil on Saturday and finally the Easter Sunday celebration. With those two excellent priests leading us, the week will be a real spiritual experience. Plan to attend as many of the events as you can.

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Save the date....Joy Retreat May 13th and 14th. *The Banquet of the Beloved*

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**The Haven House collection** is now a basket found behind the last pew. Our donations of non perishable food will be received weekly. When the offering is brought forward following announcements, the basket will be brought forward at the same time.

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**Episcopal Relief & Development**  
**Matching Gift Challenge Raises \$1.8 Million**

Last fall, for the second year in a row, a group of generous donors offered to match all donations received during the six-week-long Matching Gifts Campaign. The numbers have been tabulated, and Episcopal Relief & Development is pleased to announce that the 2010 campaign raised a total of nearly **\$1.8 million** to help heal a hurting world! This includes \$1,295,385 in donations that were received during the campaign, and the \$500,000 matching gift, which will benefit the Global Needs Fund.

“This is unprecedented,” said Episcopal Relief & Development’s Chief Operating Officer, Esther Cohen. “It’s the largest amount we’ve ever received from a non-emergency campaign. \$1.8 million will go a long way to help people suffering from hunger, poverty, disease and disaster.”

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**Help Wanted at St. Paul’s** This parish family has been blessed in so many different ways, and the energy and enthusiasm of our congregation is apparent every time we get together, whether for worship, for learning, or for play. We do not, and cannot, take these blessings for granted. The current enthusiastic mood of our parish is not due just to our wonderful priest and his wife, although their contribution is huge. Nor is it due to the vestry and volunteers who have given of their time and talent so generously. These blessings are a clear message that this church has a valuable role to play, that we are being prepared to fulfill that role, and that we must continue to work together to discern how and where we will serve this “Giver of all good gifts and graces.”

So many of you have already blessed us with your commitments, Please take a look at the remaining open needs and contact Dutch, Sr. Warden, Alana, Jr. Warden or Jocelyn, Church Coordinator with your commitment.

- Acolyte Coordinator
- Coffee Hour Chair
- Seasonal Decorator/ Basement
- Easter Sunday
- Halloween Sunday
- Advent Wreath Building
- Welcoming Committee
- Youth Activities Coordinator
- Teachers
- Nursery Room Coordinator
- Shawl Ministry Chair
- Postcard Communications
- Sunday Altar Flower Arranging
- Clean Altar Linens Monthly
- Basement Bulletin Board

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**Church Coordinator** Starting in February, Jocelyn Snider will be setting up as Church Coordinator. Church hours will be Mon, Wed & Friday 11-2. This new position will include phone communications, reminder calls and volunteer coordination for committees, church events scheduling, attending church and community meetings, and other items that present themselves. If you have any questions, just call Jocelyn at 363-3025 or Dutch, Sr. Warden.

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**Free Stuff** Compac desktop computer, printer, TV & VCR on a stand, dining table are all items available FREE from the church. Please contact Dutch or Jocelyn to arrange pick up or for more information.

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**Outreach at St. Paul's:** In 2011, Outreach Sunday is the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of every month. Please be prayerful and intentional with your giving as the work of God is done by the hands of St. Paul's.

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**Discretionary at St. Paul's:** Every *fourth* Sunday, the plate collection will support the Discretionary account. If you miss the fourth Sunday Plate, you may give anytime. Please just memo your check or envelope with "Discretionary."

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**The ECW** will resume meetings the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of the month at 3pm. Members will be offering a new money making project hosting "Card" parties for local Bridge and Pinochle groups. The cost will be \$25 per table with a minimum 2 tables for an event. Reservations will be required one week prior to event. The scheduling will be done through the Church Coordinator and posted on the basement wall calendar. The ECW will have a menu of salad, rolls, dessert and drinks (coffee & tea). The card club members will provide their own gift prizes, tallies, cards, etc. A card party can last 2 - 3 hours and the ECW will have 2 women per event to prepare, set up and serve. At this time, no events will be held on Mondays. ECW will still continue to do some sewing, only attending 3-4 shows/ bazaars this year. All women are invited to be a part of ECW at St. Paul's.

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**PFLAG** Parents, Families & Friends of Lesbians & Gays meets February 17<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. at St. Paul's Church. Call Terry Moran at 363-7656 with questions.

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**Camp Marshall Women's Retreat & Quilting Weekend**

March 24-27 on Flathead Lake at Camp Marshall

Quiet, Quilting and Quotidian Quotations'

Retreat subject: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord

Rev. Pattiann, Retreat Leader

please join us for a restful & peace filled few days...

Ages: 16 and up

Register online at [Register Now!](#) or go to [www.mtepiscopal.org](http://www.mtepiscopal.org)

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**Diocesan Ministry Skills** - Part 1 workshop at St. Peter's Cathedral in Helena on Saturday, February 26 from 10:00 to 3:00.

Options are as follows: (choose only one – they each run all day)

1. Wardens & Clerks Responsibilities – Roger Stone
2. Treasurer Training – Barb Hagen
3. All of God's People (anti-racism training)
4. Eucharistic Minister/Visitor Training
5. Safeguarding God's Children (required sexual misconduct training) – David Campbell

Vestry members and other church leaders (and anyone who works with children) should attend the Safeguarding God's Children Training. The diocese will offer it again in April during the Ministry Skills - Part 2 weekend (April 8-10).

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